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SUBJECT: EMBASSY STAFFING: CONSULAR REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 0074 (B) STATE 128499

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, EMBASSY KHARTOUM CLEARLY NEEDS AN EXPANDED CONSULAR SECTION. I REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FSO POSITION AND WAS INFORMED THAT CA WAS RECOMMENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL O-6 CONSULAR POSITION IN KHARTOUM. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING OUR RECENT INSPECTION WAS THAT AF/EX, M/MO AND CA SHOULD ESTABLISH AN O-6 CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION (SEE INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION 5.5-1). I WOULD APPRECIATE RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS POSITION SINCE I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE QUICK ASSIGNMENT HERE OF A CAPABLE, EXPERIENCED CONSUL IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SMOOTH MANAGEMENT OF THIS MISSION AND SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

2. AS WE HAVE REVIEWED THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE INSPECTORS' MEMORANDUM, WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO FOCUS ON THE LONG-RANGE PROBLEM OF THE NEED TO DEVELOP A REPLACEMENT FOR THE FSL SENIOR CONSULAR ASSISTANT WHO MAY RETIRE CF ABOUT TWO YEARS. THE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDED THAT WE CROSS-TRAIN ANOTHER FSL EMPLOYEE IN CONSULAR WORK (SEE RECOMMENDATION 5.1-2). HOWEVER, UPON EXAMINATION, I FIND THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION DOES NOT ADDRESS THE LONG TERM
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REQUIREMENT. WE ARE CROSS-TRAINING ANOTHER FSL IN CONSULAR WORK, BUT WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO DO THIS BY DIVERTING RESOURCES FROM OTHER ESSENTIAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE E/C AREA. I HAVE EXAMINED CONSULAR SECTION OPERATIONS AND HAVE DECIDED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT SENIOR CONSULAR ASSISTANT AND SECRETARY-RECEPTIONIST, THERE IS REQUIREMENT FOR A MID-LEVEL FSL

CONSULAR ASSISTANT WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE SENIOR CONSULAR ASSISTANT. WITH THE RAPIDLY GROWING REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULAR SERVICES GENERATED BOTH BY THE INCREASING SIZE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND MUCH IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS POSITION IS FULLY JUSTIFIED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ON ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUESTED AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION AND ADDITIONAL FSL CONSULAR POSITION.
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